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1 AN ACT Relating to providing funding to local government for
2 purposes of registered sex and kidnapping offender address verification
3 and community notification; creating a new section; and making an
4 appropriation.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the state sex and
7 kidnapping offender registration system is an indispensable tool for
8 increasing community safety. Local law enforcement agencies play a
9 particularly important role in this system because it is their
10 responsibility to verify the addresses and residency of registered sex
11 and kidnapping offenders and to provide notification to the community
12 of registered sex and kidnapping offenders within their jurisdictions.
13 The legislature recognizes that these duties have placed enormous
14 strain on the already limited resources of local governments throughout
15 the state. It is therefore the intent of the legislature, in the
16 interests of public safety, to provide a permanent state funding source
17 to help local law enforcement agencies verify the addresses and
18 residency of registered sex and kidnapping offenders and notify the

1 community of registered sex and kidnapping offenders within their
2 jurisdictions.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The sum of five million dollars, or as
4 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the fiscal year
5 ending June 30, 2009, from the public safety and education account to
6 the criminal justice training commission for the purposes of assisting
7 local law enforcement to verify the addresses and residency of
8 registered sex and kidnapping offenders and notify the community of
9 registered sex and kidnapping offenders within their jurisdiction.

10 (2) The funds appropriated in this section shall be distributed to
11 local law enforcement agencies by the Washington association of
12 sheriffs and police chiefs.

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